

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
From: **Ukiah Area Rural Residential Concerned Neighbors**
Re: Mendocino County Medical Cannabis Ordinance
Date: Feb. 14, 2017



(Prop 64) Proposed Ordinance 9.30 (Agenda Item 5I)

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

We strongly support the Board giving direction to adopt an ordinance to regulate the impacts of Proposition 64.

The neighborhood impacts of "recreational" marijuana are no different from those of medical marijuana, commercial or otherwise.

Please remember that marijuana plants grown in full sun with ample water can produce plants over 100 square feet and with 5 or even 10 pounds per plant. Recreational tobacco smokers and whiskey drinkers are not allowed to have home cigarette manufacturing plants and distilleries.

We are concerned that a well intentioned effort to benefit the truly recreational user is just another loophole that feeds directly into the black market.

For these reasons and for all of the same reasons that commercial marijuana is not appropriate in residential neighborhoods, we strongly support inclusion of the following points into the proposed ordinance:

- 1.) Require that Prop 64 marijuana comply will all existing setbacks and protections that currently apply to medical marijuana;
- 2.) Require that Prop 64 marijuana be grown within a fully enclosed structure built to code;
- 3.) Require that Prop 64 marijuana not be grown in the habitable space of a dwelling;
- 4.) Require that the plants allowed by Prop 64 not exceed 100 square feet, consistent with the patient exemption of the state law passed in 2015;
- 5.) Require that the plants allowed by Prop 64 not be used to increase the number of plants that can be grown per parcel, which is currently 25. If six are recreational the total should still be 25;
- 6.) Require that the plants allowed by Prop 64 not be in addition to the patient exemption amount.

Finally, please consider revising current law to adopt a limit of 6 plants per parcel not to exceed 100 square feet except for those growers who have applied for a local permit. This is consistent with the intent of the draft cultivation ordinance that will require anyone growing more than the patient or caregiver allowance to apply for a permit.

Signed:

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